

THE UNIVERSITY AT GAINESVILLE

Important Facts Connected With
the Important Work.

CHAIRMAN N. P. BRYAN EXPLAINS

No Cause for Alarm Has Been Expressed—Board of Control Says if Plans are Carried Out Florida Will be Proud of Institution.

In the following communication to The Jacksonville Metropolis, Chairman Bryan explains matters in regard to the new University to be erected at Gainesville in a very plain manner:

In your issue of the 17th inst., under the heading, "Will Likely Be a Lively Issue," it is stated in effect that there will be opposition to any appropriation for the University at Gainesville, and that an effort will be made to repeal the Buckman bill at the next session of the Legislature.

You also speak of the "vast amounts of money" necessary to be expended in order to carry out the plans of the Board of Control. You then quote from an article in The Lake City Reporter, in which, among other things, it is said that the plans submitted by Messrs. Edwards & Walter, architects, for the proposed University building at Gainesville, and accepted by the Board of Control, call for an expenditure of \$1,500,000. Then follows this statement: "Although the board has at their disposal only about \$40,000, members state that the construction of the buildings will begin in December."

You also published a few days ago another article, purporting to come from The Miami Record, in which the claim is made that it would be better to return to the system of higher education in force at the time the Buckman bill became a law, and in which were many appeals to prejudice but none to reason.

I cannot believe The Metropolis would knowingly assist in circulating misleading statements concerning the plans and purposes of the Board of Education and the Board of Control in carrying out the provision relating to the higher institutions of learning established by act of the last Legislature, and therefore, as a member of the latter board, I write you this letter.

Work to Begin.

The statement that members of the Board of Control will begin the erection of buildings at Gainesville is correct. At a joint meeting of the State Board of Education and the Board of Control the funds available were apportioned according to the needs of the four institutions. The sum of \$75,000 was appropriated for the construction of buildings for the University at Gainesville. Of this amount public spirited citizens of Gainesville donated \$40,000 in cash and bought the old East Florida Seminary property from the State for \$30,000, which, in the opinion of the joint boards, was 50 per cent more than it was worth, and besides donated a beautiful site containing 512 acres of land. So that of the appropriation made by the Legislature only \$3,000 will be used for University buildings.

Amounts Appropriated.

It is the expressed purpose of the board not to exceed the amounts appropriated by the State Board of Education and Board of Control in joint session in the erection of buildings at Gainesville, and if the article quoted from, as it seems a fair reading of it would lead one to believe, means that the Board of Control will begin the erection of buildings to cost \$1,500,000 before the Legislature of 1907 convenes, or if it means that the Legislature at its next session will be asked to make an appropriation of \$1,500,000, it has an exceedingly small foundation in fact. The Board of Control is August declined to accept a loan of \$100,000 tendered by Mayor Thomas of Gainesville and others.

It is our purpose to stay within the appropriation, and how it could be gathered from anything that was said at the meeting of the board that an expenditure of this amount was contemplated I cannot conceive.

Plans Elaborate.

The plans of the architect were elaborate. The layout of the grounds is intended to be permanent, so that all buildings hereafter constructed as the University grows and they are required, can be placed according to plans adopted in the beginning.

The article from The Lake City Reporter is clearly intended to prejudice

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the tax-payers against an appropriation on the ground of enormous expenses. It is the old appeal to the pocket-book.

The institutions established by the Buckman bill cost much less than the institutions supported by the State prior to its passage.

In 1903 there were appropriated for the maintenance of the institutions abolished by the Buckman bill, \$318,965 for two years, while under the Buckman bill the institutions established thereby are being operated at a cost to the State of \$150,000 for two years, or \$168,965 less. Besides, this appropriation of 1903 was not as much as was asked for by the trustees of the old institutions, and is much less than was appropriated by the Legislature. Gov. Jennings vetoed portions of the appropriations of 1903 because in his opinion expenditures for college buildings were not authorized in a bill providing for the expenses of the State government, and the appropriation of \$318,965 as passed and approved did not specifically authorize the erection of any buildings, but these amounts were "to be used by the trustees for the best interests of said institution." There was a deficit of about \$20,000, unless the unexpended appropriation for the East Florida Seminary can be applied to the payment of deficits of the other institutions, and in that event there will still be a deficit of about \$10,000.

Of course, the amount of money now available will not be sufficient to construct all the buildings needed at the University, and it will not be contended by any fair-minded person, with a knowledge of the facts, that the buildings at Lake City would be sufficient for a University such as the people of Florida, the tax-payers, if you please, are entitled to have for the education of their children. The trustees of the old University of Florida, located at Lake City, applied to the last Legislature for \$70,000 with which to remodel and improve buildings.

Principal Purpose.

The great purpose of the Buckman bill is two-fold: First, to withdraw State aid from so many struggling institutions of learning having insufficient equipment, inferior courses of study and of local benefit and reputations; and, second, to establish instead two splendid institutions of learning, a university for men and a college for women, both thoroughly equipped, with courses of study of the highest and best, efficient faculties, and of widespread reputations.

If this policy is adhered to there can be no question but that all the people will have just cause to be proud of their university and college.

No money will be spent without the approval of the Legislature, so it is unnecessary to become alarmed lest the Board of Control bankrupt the State.

N. P. BRYAN.

Automobile Cost Her Life.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Theodore Plans, wife of a merchant tailor, while riding in an automobile was killed. Mrs. Plans was guiding the machine, and while speeding along Van Ness avenue, made a quick turn to avoid running down a pedestrian. The automobile was upset and the party thrown out. Mrs. Plans met death almost instantly and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry Plans, was badly hurt. Theodore Plans, the husband of the woman who was killed, and his two nieces escaped injury.

THE DOMESTIC HUSBAND.

One View of the Man Who Haunts His Own Home Circle.

The foolishness of wives is shown in their warfare against the club; be it good or bad, and their indiscriminate laudation of the domestic man. The latter is not apt to be an alluring personality, for, oscillating between downtown and home, his circle of interests is necessarily narrow, and he inevitably takes up with more or less petty matters and becomes a domestic martinet or a tame cat. All the big civic interests that engage the energies of public spirited men in their leisure from business he ignores, as he does association with men identified with other worthy interests. The petty gossip of the home and the evening paper constitute the typical domestic man's mental sustenance in his moments of relaxation from the grind of money making, and apart from merely having him within reach it is hard to understand what pleasure the wife can take in this variety of husband, for he apparently feels under no obligation to make himself agreeable. It is not he who makes the meal cheerful by setting the conversational pace in the direction of amusing stories or interesting information, his usual contribution being fussy comment on some trivial domestic incident. More often he eats in silence and departs in the shortest time possible for the most desirable chair in the living room, there to remain for the remainder of his evening. Such a man, however good a provider he may be for his family, is a social vegetable merely, in whom no woman is justified in taking pride at this day, when the need in public affairs is for citizens who bear their share of the burdens peculiar to our nation and times.—Vogue.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Do so well today that you need not long for tomorrow.

Some men only want your confidence to give it to others.

If a man were his own enemy, what stories he could tell on himself!

Don't judge a man by his first friendships in a town; judge him by his last.

Don't give your friends indignation by trying to poke people you like down their throats.

When we think of the ease with which we deceive others, we should think of the ease with which others may deceive us.

Good news travels; not so rapidly as bad news, of course, but it travels. Do a good thing, and people will hear of it in time.

Everybody understands that an old boiler must be treated with care, but very few understand that an old stomach is as dangerous as an old boiler.—Atchison Globe.

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Dodola and Rain.

The Serbian peasants have a curious old ceremony of invoking rain which they carry out during dry weather. The women of the village dress a girl in leaves and grass from head to foot and lead her from house to house. At each door the occupant pours a bucketful of water over her head, while her companions, who are mostly girls of her own age, chant prayers for the wished for showers. Invisible clouds of rain are believed by the peasants to follow the girl, whom they name "Dodola," and to refresh the fields and vineyards.

It Pays to Advertise.

An Oklahoma girl advertised for a husband and got him. The total expense for advertising, wedding outfit, etc., was \$11. He died within a year, leaving her an insurance policy of \$10,000. And yet some people claim that it doesn't pay to advertise.—Sparks (Okla.) Review.

Unanswered.

"Papa!" little Johnny began. "Now what do you want?" asked his suffering father, with the emphasis on the "now." "Will my hair fall off when it's ripe, like yours?"

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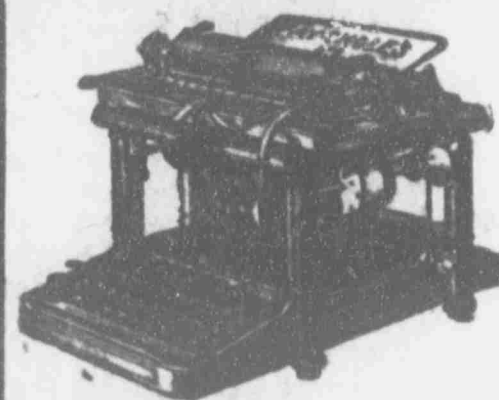
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